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WASHINGTON--U.S. INTELLIGENCE EXPERTS BELIEVE RUSSIA MAY BE PREPARING A NEW AND INTENSIVE CAMPAIGN TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF ITS WEAPONS ARSENAL.

CONCERN ABOUT AN UPGRADING OF SOVIET CAPABILITY IN SUCH FIELDS AS MISSILES AND ANTI-MISSILE DEFENSES HAS BEEN CONVEYED TO CONGRESS IN LEAKS BY JOHN A. MCCONE, DIRECTOR OF THE CIA.

MCCONE HAS BEEN CONDUCTING THE USUAL START-OF-SESSION BRIEFINGS TO CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES WITH JURISDICTION OVER DEFENSE FOREIGN POLICY AND ATOMIC ENERGY.

RUSSIA, AS OTHER NATIONS, ALWAYS HAS STRIVEN TO IMPROVE AND MODERNIZE ITS WEAPONS. THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY FEELS, HOWEVER, SOVIET LEADERS HAVE CHANGED THE EMPHASIS OF THEIR WEAPONS PROGRAM FROM QUANTITY TO QUALITY.

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